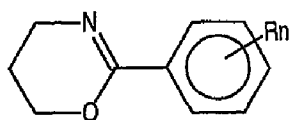


**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

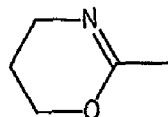
1. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of a polymer composition, the process comprising ~~a step of~~ contacting a polymer that comprises carboxyl groups with a cyclic imino ether compound, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the cyclic imino ether compound is a phenylene oxazine according to formula (I)



(I)

in which formula

R = an oxazine group according to formula (II)



(II)

- n = 0, ~~1, 2, 3, 4 or 5~~ and wherein ~~[[that]]~~ the polymer is contacted with said oxazine in an extruder at a temperature above 100°C.
2. (original) Process according to claim 1 wherein the polymer is a (co)polyamide, a (co)polyester or a blend hereof.
  3. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1, wherein the extruder is a single or a twin screw extruder.
  4. (original) Process according to claim 3, wherein the extruder is a single screw extruder.

5. (canceled)
6. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of the oxazine is 0.01-5 wt% relative to the amount of the polymer.
7. (currently amended) A coating which comprises [[Use of]] the polymer composition prepared by ~~obtained with~~ the process according to claim 1 ~~in applications in aqueous or acid environment, or in coatings.~~